



Project Overview

Project Overview: February 2013

Mitchell Freeway northbound widening Graham Farmer Freeway tunnel to Hutton Street

Work is about to start to increase lane capacity and improve weaving and merging arrangements on the Mitchell Freeway northbound.

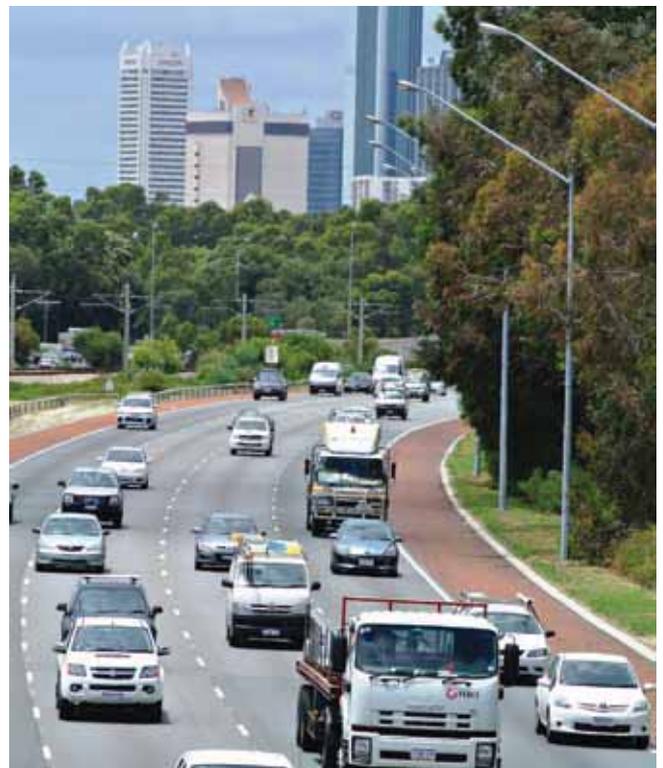
Starting in mid-February 2013, the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2013 and includes:

- Building an additional lane on the Mitchell Freeway northbound, from Graham Farmer Freeway to Hutton Street. This lane will be constructed along the left-hand side of the freeway to Vincent Street, then along the median side of the northbound carriageway to Hutton Street, adjacent to the Public Transport Authority's rail reserve and well away from Lake Monger;
- Widening the traffic bridges over Powis Street, Vincent Street and Scarborough Beach Road; and
- Building an on-ramp to Mitchell Freeway northbound from the Graham Farmer Freeway's Loftus Street exit.

Being managed by Main Roads WA and undertaken by Abigroup Contractors, this \$40million project is part of a package of transport solutions to improve the operation of the CBD road network and address the challenges associated with Perth's increasing population. Combined with the addition of extra lanes in the Graham Farmer Freeway tunnel (scheduled for completion in May 2013), it will:

- Provide an alternative east-west route for CBD traffic;
- Improve merging arrangements onto Mitchell Freeway; and
- Redirect traffic exiting at Vincent and Powis Streets.

The work will also help manage the road impact of major projects such as the Elizabeth Quay development. Elizabeth Quay is one of the most significant developments in Australia and will see Riverside Drive realigned to allow traffic to flow into Barrack and William streets.



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Project timeframe

The work on Mitchell Freeway northbound will be delivered in two stages to minimise disruption to traffic.

In early 2013, Abigroup will concentrate on the section from the city to Vincent Street, which includes construction of an extra lane and a new on-ramp from the Loftus Street exit.

Work will start in mid-February and may require the temporary closure of the Sutherland Street-on ramp near City West for up to three months. If this occurs, traffic entering the freeway will need to use alternative access points such as Wellington or Vincent streets.

From May to December 2013, Abigroup will complete the extra lane from Vincent Street to Hutton Street. This also includes the widening of the traffic bridges over Powis and Vincent streets and Scarborough Beach Road.

What to expect

The work on Mitchell Freeway northbound will require a lane closure and speed reductions, however the freeway's emergency lane will be utilised to maintain the number of traffic lanes.

Delays, especially during peak traffic periods, should be expected so motorists are advised to plan ahead, allow additional travel time and seek alternative routes where practical.

Where possible, Abigroup will undertake night works to minimise disruption to road users. Advance notification of night works will be provided to nearby residential areas.



A new slip lane will be built from the Graham Farmer Freeway's Loftus Street off ramp back on to Mitchell Freeway.

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